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 REV. JOHN CLARK PEGG, INTERIM PASTOR

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 — *I love my church because . . .*

Fall is just around the corner, and along with the cooler weather, all the cool kids are heading back to Church School! Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, Sept. 9th, in the sanctuary to kick off a great new year of Church School! We'll start with our large group gathering (parents and children) in the sanctuary with music and the children's offering. Children will leave from the sanctuary for their first official day of Church School with their teachers.



PARENTS! You are asked to attend a brief but important meeting in the Fellowship Hall, during the Church School hour. We'll cover important information regarding the upcoming Church School year, plus you'll need to register your child for Church School. Please plan on staying and spending some time with the Christian Education Committee. The coffee pot will be on!

If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am

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PEACE BELL is a monthly publication of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota. *Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all people, respecting the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities. Visitors are always welcome!*



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Do you remember the aroma of baked turkey (cooked by our very own "turkey roasters"), rolls, and apple dessert rising from the church kitchen that one Sunday last fall? Well, mark your calendars for September 23rd as preparations for the Annual Fall Harvest Festival are already underway! Ask anyone who has attended in past years — you won't want to miss this Peace Church tradition. Join us after worship for a delicious meal and great fellowship. Hours are from **11:30-1:30**—Proceeds this year will go to our Capital Campaign. Invite your friends — this is a wonderful way to introduce others to our Peace Church community.

Ticket prices—Family (up to 4 adults) \$20.00, Individual \$6.00, Child 5-12 yrs \$4.00, Under 5 eat free.

The Care and Fellowship Committee needs the help of many volunteers to make this a success. **Can you donate food for the event, help cook on Saturday 9/22 in the church kitchen, set up tables, serve the meal, or clean up after the event? Sign up in the Narthex.**

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Celebrating Our (Church) Family Ties

Summertime, when our regular Sunday morning church attendance is down, is a time when many of us travel to our family reunions. Now, as we enter our Fall season, we prepare to come together again as a church community. And for me, our church's "Rally Sunday" in September always feels a bit like an expanded "gathering of the clan," or family reunion. I find that after our brief summer break, with each of us having gone our respective separate ways, there is always an excitement, a kind of buzzing amongst us as we race around trying to catch up again with one another; there is the sense of a "charged" atmosphere as many of us literally get in touch with (by clasping hands or hugging) those we haven't seen for a while. I think that's one of the special things about a church community. For no matter who we are or what our natural family setting is, we also know that we also are part of a church family. And it seems to me that we all need that feeling of connectedness, of belonging, of being included, in these modern, harried, and constantly changing times of ours.

I find it interesting to note that when we use the word "family," for many of us that conjures up the stereotypical image of a mom and a dad and a couple of kids, usually sitting around the dinner table with hands folded "a la" Norman Rockwell. Yet, according to recent U.S. government statistics, only one family in nine today looks like this image. Only one in nine! So it's especially important that our church community be a real "family" for all kinds of folk, from all sorts of different situations; and it is equally important that we who are Christians affirm that we are part of an even larger family with all our sisters and brothers around the world - all of us sharing a common parenting of the one true God, maker of heaven and earth, whom we Christians know through Christ's life and teachings.

A while back I saw a cartoon that I think in a negative way gets at some of the uniqueness of being part of a family. Picture this, if you will. There is a father, sitting at the kitchen table, who has been going over the family finances and is looking somewhat harried and frenzied. He has his pocket calculator out and stacks of paper in front of him. He looks up to address his wife at the other end of the table and the four children, two on each side, saying: "I've called the family together to announce that because of inflation, I'm going to have to let two of you go." The reason, of course, that the cartoon is at all humorous is that it so blatantly contradicts what we all know is true and incontrovertible - namely, that when you're part of a family, you're part of that family through thick and thin, through ups and downs, through bitter conflicts as well as jubilant celebrations. It's something you can count on, regardless of any sort of inflation, deflation, bad times, or whatever. We don't just "let people go" from a family. In fact, most of us simply take for granted that being part of a family means knowing that someone else will be there for us, and that it is our responsibility to "hang in there" for the other, or others, as well. So that being part of a family (natural, extended, blended, or church) is being part of a "caring community" rather than just being cast on one's own to weather the stormy seas of life.

So as we gather together this Fall, let us celebrate that we all are part of this wonderful, caring, open, affirming, and outreaching "family" called Peace Church and let us reach out with open arms to our wider community and world as well. Blessings and peace, friends –

Pastor John

Nursery

- 2 Sarah Nelson, Nam Provost, Sophie Wilkowske
- 9 Emily Youngstrand, Christa Knudsen, Christina Mullozzi
- 16 Grace Richey, Erin Dewitt, Emily Richey
- 23 Patty Beech, Jesse Schomberg, Kate Augusta
- 30 Carla Langdon-Larson, Mary Adams, Maddy Carpenter

Coffee Set-Up

- 2 Susan Goltz and family
- 9 Claire Smith, Marsha Hystead
- 16 Essie Geiger, Deb Stricker
- 23 Pomroys
- 30 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel, Caroline Harris



Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 2 Holly Bowen-Bailey, Jayme Hennen
- 9 Barb Hanka & Jim Johnson
- 16 Cindy Macaulay, Barb Forrest
- 23 Stan & Jan Burns
- 30 Janell & Gary Kohls

Greeters

- 2 Hummingbird, Gary Kohls
- 9 Lisa and Bill Pomroy
- 16 Sarah Jessico, Ruth Olson
- 23 Janell and Gary Kohls
- 30 John and Lyn Clark Pegg

Lay Readers

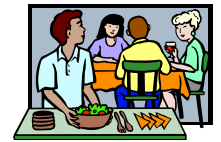
- 2 ONA Comm. 23 Marsha Hystead
- 9 Sandy Moore 30 Viola Brown
- 16 Bob Stevens

Ushers

- 2 Cindy Macaulay, Barb Forrest, John Moeller, Jerry Cleveland
- 9 Hubert family, Karie Simpson
- 16 Nettie Bothwell, Mary Martin, Seversons
- 23 Susan Ranfranz, Lyn Pegg, Cindy & Mark Poirier
- 30 Cheryl Walsh, Marsha Hystead, Devlins

Monday Meal

- 3 Meal Angel Respite
- 10 Essie Geiger
- 17 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 24 Liddles



We still need **more volunteers** to bring a Monday evening meal to the **Loaves and Fishes** Community about 3 or 4 times a year, (call Essie Geiger, 728-4483). Volunteers are also needed to work an occasional Sunday afternoon shift at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen** (Call Jessica Olson, 724-5210) These are wonderful ways that we reach out to our community on behalf of Peace Church!

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday September 10

- 1:30 Prep: Brenda Butterfield & family, Bev and Dave Cave
- 4:30 Meal Serving: Betty Greene, Pat Sjoding, Susan Ranfranz

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 2 Susan Kehtel
- 9 Steve Coll
- 16 McLeans
- 23 Liddles
- 30 White family

10:30 Service
September 2



Monica & Tom
Liddle

COMMUNITY

New Pastor Installation at Duluth Congregational

Rev. Catherine E. Schuyler will be installed as pastor of the Duluth Congregational Church on **Sunday September 30 at 3pm**. All are welcome to join the celebration and reception following.

Bob Brenning Bike Ride for Peace Fundraiser for Men as Peacemakers.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16th at 1:00 pm

Begin in parking lot next to the Pickwick Restaurant. Ride to end of Park Point, returning to Fitzer's Brewhouse for fun and social time. Cost: \$25 per person or \$40 per family (tee shirt and refreshments included)

Registration at www.menaspeacemakers.org or call 218-727-1939

Performance Peace

Celebrating Interfaith Peace Work Around the World

A fundraising performing arts event (Saturday, Nov. 17), sponsored by the Arrowhead Interfaith Council, seeks performance artists in music, dance, poetry, singing, or acting, to present their work by Sept. 30. Theme: education, celebration and gratitude for global peace efforts that transcend cultural biases and beliefs. Please contact Salima at 218-879-4939.

Ray of Hope Golf Scramble Saturday, September 1st 8 am

Poplar WI Golf Course
TICKETS \$30.00 per person
18 Holes, 4 Person Best Ball Scramble
All proceeds go towards
Ray of Hope's Scholarship Fund
www.rayofhopeinc.com
More info: Lynne Lowney, 218-390-4005

UTS Course Offerings in Duluth

Fall 2007

September 10 – December 10

Major 20th Century Moral Thinkers: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Mondays, 6:00-9:15pm (except October 22) at First United Methodist Church

Instructor: David Bard

Orientation to the Older Testament: Pentateuch and Former Prophets

Sept. 28/29, Oct. 19/20, Nov. 9/10, Dec. 7/8, Fridays, 6:00-9:15pm and Saturdays, 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:15-3:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6822 Grand Ave

Instructor: Richard Weis

Spring 2008

Introduction to Feminist Theology

Instructor: Katherine McLaughlin

Feb. 22/23, Mar. 28/29, Apr. 18/19, May 9-10 at Peace Church

Music in Worship: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs

Instructor: Arthur Clyde

Feb. 8/9, Mar. 7/8, Apr. 4/5, May 2/3

For registration information contact: Glen Herrington-Hall, Director of Admissions, United Theological Seminary, 3000 Fifth St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, 800-937-1316, gherrington-hall@unitedseminary.edu or in Duluth, contact Ann Nordgren, Duluth Program Coordinator, 218-525-3136, anordgren@unitedseminary.edu

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a Communion Service and at 10:30 we have a service with children's time and choirs. Childcare is provided. The sermon at both services is the same.

Sunday, September 2

Open and Affirming Celebration

Peace Church will be welcoming the whole community for special Pride Worship at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Dennis Crumb will be preaching. We will have Marc Blakesly from the MN Coalition for LGBT Concerns, as well as leaders from Pilgrim UCC sharing the Sunday with us.

9:30: Community-wide Breakfast — all are welcome!

Sing with the Community Choir at the 10:30 service — organized by Steve Coll and Pastor Tony and directed by Jim Pospisil. Everyone is welcome to join this "Spontaneous One Sunday Volunteer Pride Choir".

10am Choir rehearsal we will be singing the song, "Everything Possible"

Other Pride Weekend Events

There are many family friendly events throughout the weekend including the 5K Fun Run/ Walk on Saturday 8:30 a.m. (the 5K has had strong support from our congregation in past years, the Festival at BayFront Park all day Saturday and the Parade on Sunday. (Carpool to Superior after second service)

Sunday, September 9th — Rally Sunday

Scripture: Rev. 21: 1-5, 22-27; Psalm 139

Sermon by Rev. Tony Clark

Special guest Wade Zick, UCC MN Conference Ashley Minister for Children and Youth will be with us. Our praise and worship team will lead the music at our 10:30 service. We will also give bibles to all our kindergartners, and Pastor Kathy will be back from her sabbatical.

We will begin our church school and adult forum classes at 9:30 (see page 5). Join us for a great day!

Special "Peace Babies" picture at 11:30 in the sanctuary — all the babies born since last fall.

Sunday, September 16

Scripture: Luke 15: 1 - 10

Sermon: "Seeking" by Pastor Kathy Nelson

Clear will provide music at the 10:30 service.

Sunday, September 23 — Fall Harvest Festival

Scripture: Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1, I Timothy 2: 1 – 7 and Luke 16: 1 – 13

Sermon: "Is There no Balm?" by Pastor Kathy Nelson

The Praise and Worship Team will lead our music at 10:30.

At 11:30 everyone is invited downstairs for a feast. Our Fall Harvest Festival is an annual fundraiser. Dinner includes turkey, potatoes, vegetables, homemade rolls and apple squares. Join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship.

Sunday, September 30 — Crop Walk Sunday

Scripture: I Timothy 6: 6 – 19 and Luke 16: 19 – 31

Sermon: "Generous Spirits" by Pastor Kathy Nelson

Special Coffee Hour — "Sabbatical Sundaes"
Enjoy ice cream sundaes while Pastor Kathy and Tim share photos and stories from their sabbatical travels.

LOOKING AHEAD — Sunday October 14

Bold Choice Theatre, with Peter Barnett, will perform a portion of their play during worship. Adult Forum will be a discussion of disabilities.

FROM PASTOR TONY

September, 2007, marks 6 months that I have been the Associate Pastor for Youth and Small Group Ministries at Peace United Church of Christ. Part of the reason that you formed a search committee and called me as your associate pastor was because you recognized a significant growth in membership and participation in the ministry of Peace Church. Let me enumerate the assumptions that I think stand behind this understanding of the church leaders.

1. We are growing because of the unique way we live out our faith. Our activism in the issues of race, poverty, environment, and sexual/gender identity rises directly out of our belief that Jesus worked to bring outcasts into community, and as his disciples we are called to continue this work.
2. Faith is fed when we share the journey with others. On Sunday mornings we worship together in a big community, and on Wednesday nights we eat and study together as a big community. However, members of a church of this size can no longer connect with every other member of the church; we will need to form deep spiritual connections with smaller groups of people where we can work together, play together, and pray together.
3. Visitors and new members come to Peace Church because of our public persona; they stay because of our interpersonal relationships. In the last 5 months, I have heard from several people that the thing they recognize most from our growth is the lack of knowing every other member in the church. Small groups facilitate this deep spiritual knowledge of others in a church this size.
4. One of the major reasons why mega-churches and the new "emerging church" are effective is because seekers are quickly connected with a small group of 8-12 individuals who meet regularly (often weekly) to talk deeply about their faith and God's presence in their lives.
5. There are already several functioning small groups at peace UCC: the Youth Groups, Peace PALS, Peace Partners, the choir and our two praise bands, Questions Along the Way, the Monthly Brown Bag Luncheon at BHC, the Sr. High Work Camp, the men's and women's retreats, and our committees and boards. Newly formed groups include the Reading/Writing/Reflection Group, First Sunday Taize, and the Singles Group. Upcoming events and groups include the Book Group, and a Monthly Movie Night. These groups can form the framework for small group ministries. As pastor for small group formation, I expect that **you** have the ideas to create a small group ministry that includes both new and long-time members.

Here are some questions to begin thinking about small groups and connecting newer members into our very active faith life. Are groups accessible to both new and long-term members? Are there clear directions for attending or joining? Are people who have not previously been involved in the group specifically and personally invited? Do the groups assume everyone in attendance knows each other, or is there a process to meet others at every meeting? Does each group actively discuss faith journeys? How does this particular group enhance each participant's faith or draw the participants closer to God? How do the participants (individually or as a group) use this experience to move outward into service and mission?

I will also be revamping the Ministry Opportunity Guide, which is a compilation of small groups at Peace. Your input will be key, so feel free to contact me with answers to the following questions: With whom do you connect spiritually? What small groups (formally or informally formed) are you part of? I pray that this continues a conversation on who we are as Peace Church, and where we hope to be going. And may God guide us together in this ongoing endeavor.

Shalom,

Pastor Tony

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of Dr. Mary Schlangen of Two Harbors who died in an auto accident, and her husband, recovering from his injuries. The Schlangens are close friends of Jesse and Ciz-zarie Schomberg of our congregation.
- The family and friends of Scott Sathers who died in the 35W bridge collapse. Scott's parents are friends of Al and Joan Peterson of our congregation.
- All the people affected by the 35W Bridge Collapse — Eric Nelson, pastor of First Congregational UCC writes in response to an email from a Pastor in New Orleans, "As you may have figured out our church is quite near the bridge, perhaps 100 yards away, right next to the interstate and just north of the river. So this is all very close. . . There have been so many stories of near misses—a parishioner's brother who was driving underneath the bridge as it started to fail and who then went back and helped the kids out of the school bus. Another parishioner who started to leave her house, ran back in to get something, got on her way and was just short of the bridge when it collapsed. . . So many what-ifs. It means a lot to us to know that you all are thinking of us in Minneapolis and holding our city in prayer. Thankfully, so far as I know, our congregation and our neighborhood have suffered no casualties. But we're all a bit shaken. Even though things have an odd veneer of normalcy here, we've experienced the collapse of something we all assumed was so secure. This will take some sorting out. I simply cannot imagine what it must have been like in Metairie and New Orleans after Katrina. There are no comparisons. Still, after any kind of tragedy, it means so much when people reach out as you have done. Thank you so very much. It's more than the river that connects us."

➤ Excerpts from a prayer offered by Rev. Sarai Schnucker, Executive Presbyter of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery, at the ecumenical service held at the Minnesota Church Center: "Almighty God . . . Grant to all of us the faith to see the work of the Holy Spirit even in the midst of sorrow. Grant to all who mourn confidence in your loving care and the knowledge that, by bringing their grief to you, they will know the consolation of your love. . . Help us all, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to know of the great cloud of witnesses who pray for us around the world. . . And help us to know what you would have each of us do, as individuals and as communities of faith who together make up the one Body of Christ, to witness to your power and love in the midst of this tragedy. As we continue to pray for those in our communities affected by the tragic collapse of the 35W bridge, we pray also for those nearly 20 million who, on August 1st as "our" bridge collapsed, were displaced from their homes as India and Bangladesh received unusually heavy monsoon rains. Over 150 died. In the northeastern Indian state of Assam, strong currents washed away 1640 yards of the highway and a wooden bridge on the only alternate road got swept away by the flood waters. In Christ's name we pray. Amen."

➤ From the Missouri Mid-South Conference of UCC: "Many people across the country heard the news of August 12th's tragic shooting at First Congregational Church, Neosho, MO. This is to confirm that the Micronesian (United Church of Pohnpei) congregation where the deaths and injuries occurred is, in fact, a congregation that had planned to join in fellowship with the Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference next month. (First Congregational Church is not affiliated with the UCC, but is the nesting church for the Micronesians.) One of those killed is Rev. Kernel Rehobsen, pastor of the church. Rev. Rehobsen is well known among our Missouri Mid-South Conference family, having spoken at several gatherings."

➤ For all those affected by the flooding in southern MN. There were no UCC churches seriously affected, but "Nonetheless, these folks are our neighbors and, by partnering with others for long term recovery work, we will be active in helping them rebuild their lives." Volunteers will be needed—call first: 507-287-2000.

THANK YOU

- To Brenda Butterfield, Billy, Gracie, and Bev Cave for teaching the youth to water ski on our retreat!
- To Jonie and Carla Langdon-Larson and the whole Langdon-Larson family for use of the cabin for our retreat!
- From Brenda Butterfield, "Thank you Grandma Bev (Cave) for all your help with the children to make the youth waterskiing adventure a possibility."
- Eve Stein for leading the Jr High Camping trip.
- Jesse Schomberg for setting up the trip. A tragedy among his close friends kept him from joining us.
- To Rev. John Pegg for the use of his van to go to the Boundary Waters with the youth.
- To Jerry Cleveland for use of his canoe for the jr. high camping trip.
- To Dave Chelseth for installing a new CD drive in the front office computer, and to Doug Bowen-Bailey for donating it.
- To Tom Curran for donating a case of copy paper to the office, and pens and paper for the youth and writing groups.
- To Mary Martin, for all her work in every corner of the church, fixing, cleaning, sorting, maintaining – especially for all her organizing in the boiler room and the workroom by the garage. Thanks to Denise Perry for joining the property committee and helping Mary.
- To Sharon Crosby for her diligent work on the Peace Church library—soon we will have an updated card catalog to consult when looking for a book!
- From Habitat for Humanity Duluth: "Please accept our gratitude for your donation. . . Acting out of faith, we continue to build homes that build hope in our community. Thank you for supporting our mission."
- To Jen Hudyma for her hard work and creativity in decorating the baby nursery with a Noah's ark theme. It looks great!
- To all the people who have volunteered in the nursery this summer! Families with young children appreciate you so much.
- To Philip Hubert, who spent a Saturday at the church coordinating efforts to get the electrical power back on.

- Thank you to Beth Chelseth who works hard to make the nursery schedule work each month.
- Thank you to Lauren and Mary Christensen, our nursery staff for the summer. Good luck at college. We will miss you!
- To Lynn Devlin and Lyn Clark Pegg for weeding the rock garden by the front entrance. It's looking great!
- To Aaron Molina for sharing his beautiful photography with us on our gallery wall the past few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Lauren Baker and Jonathon Balmer who were married on August 4th. Lauren is the granddaughter of Marian Jensen.
- To Dick and Linda Goese on the birth of a new granddaughter, Kara Ruth, daughter of Susan and Scott Savery.
- To Joan and Alan Peterson, on the Aug. 23rd birth of their grandson, Andrew Christian Peterson, son of Christian and Velvet Peterson.
- To Rev. Greg Flint, former Peace Church pastor, now Senior Pastor at Eugene First Congregational UCC, who received the Ruben Huenemann Award at the Annual Assembly in Salem, OR, in mid-May. This Award is given to individuals who have exhibited extraordinary Christian leadership within their local church, the conference, denomination, and wider ecumenical and community circles.

SYMPATHY TO

- Jan Eschbach and Harriett Peterson on the recent death of Connie, Jan's sister and Harriet's daughter.
- Danny Johnson, on the death of his brother.

ADULT FORUMS — Sundays 9:30am
*Grab a cup of coffee in the Narthex
and join us!*

Topic Study in the Fireside Room
Bible Study in the Conference Room

The Bible study is based on the scripture for the worship that day, and uses a curriculum that is easy to understand and participate in.

All are welcome!

Sunday, September 9th – Rally Sunday

Parents are invited to a meeting downstairs in the fellowship hall to learn more about the upcoming church school year. At 9:30 in the Fireside Room, meet with Wade Zick, the UCC MN Conference Ashley Minister for Children and Youth.

Sunday, September 16th

Philippines Partnership Sermon Exchange

The Philippines Partnership Committee invites you to read and discuss a sermon written by Rev. Pio Mercado of the Surigao District Conference in the Philippines. The sermon exchange is part of our partnership activities and also included Peace Church sending a sermon written by Rev. John Pegg to the Philippines which was read in their congregations. Copies of the sermon will be available the previous Sunday.

Sunday, September 23rd

Learnings from Sabbatical

Pastor Kathy and her husband, Tim Carpenter, will share photos and stories from their summer. The congregation received a Lily Clergy Renewal Grant that made it possible for Kathy to spend time with the Iona Community in Scotland and then have her family join her for travel. Kathy also took a water color class and spent time with Rabbi Amy Bernstein discussing shared images of their faith traditions.

Sunday, September 30th
Learn more about Crop Walk
(Walk begins at 2 pm
at First Lutheran Church)

CROP=Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty — Some 2,000 communities across the country participate in CROP events each year, raising funds for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as for the international relief and development efforts of CWS. The agency works in partnership in some 80 countries globally, and has offices in South America, East Africa, Southern Africa, Pakistan/Afghanistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Indonesia.

CWS Indonesia is helping residents of Banda Aceh to rebuild their homes and livelihoods after the 2004 tsunami. In Pakistan CWS is working with the remote populations still affected by the massive earthquake and by overriding poverty. Many people are still in temporary shelters, and are learning new trades to support themselves. CWS Vietnam has brought water and sanitation to schools and villages in the mountains. And in the vast Chaco region of South America, CWS is working with indigenous populations to establish legal claim to their ancestral lands and establish sustainable enterprises to support their communities.

With up to 25 percent of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks going to support local hunger-fighting efforts in the U.S., CROP Hunger Walks gather churches, synagogues, mosques, school classes, and youth groups to help alleviate hunger at home and around the world.

Please make a generous donation!

PRICELESS...It's that time of year again...

phone calls, emails, announcements, face to face conversations... the time to put together a great team of adults to minister to our children. There is a cost when you are involved in children's ministry. Children want your attention. They want you to listen. It takes time, energy, and lots of love. Is the cost worth it?

Yes. Looking into a little girl's brown eyes and hearing her say, "God's house is yellow." Hearing the children sing, "Jesus loves me" at the top of their lungs and knowing that they believe it. Watching a 6th grader gently encourage a younger child to do their best because they themselves have been taught the very same thing. These moments are priceless.

Will you be the one that will change a child's life forever? Will you be the one that a child admires so much, that they consider you their hero?

We are getting closer every week to meeting the needs of Peace Church in the area of our children and youth. Peace continues to grow and the number of children is increasing. We have over 220 young people 3 years old through the 12th grade! So many of you have volunteered in different ways to make Peace Church a place kids love to be. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We had 50 children come to VBS this year. It took 45 adults to make the week happen. I ask for your continued partnership and support in making our programs exciting and meaningful. We need your help to continue welcoming and blessing our children as Jesus did and taught. If you can help in any way: making phone calls, leading an activity, being on a team of Sunday School teachers, Youth Group, FaithWeavers (K-3rd grade), guest speakers, art activities, 4th/5th grade puppet ministry, Kid's Choir, the Christmas Pageant, etc. etc. etc. Please contact me! We need you! Everyone is busy, but if we all help a little, we can continue to make Peace Church a place kids want to be. Call Cynthia to explore the many ways to get involved.

Everyone has something a child needs...love. Everyone has something a child needs... a listening ear. Is the cost worth it? Tiredness, sore feet, hugs, smiles, a conversation about what color God's house is.... priceless. ~ Blessings, Cynthia

CHURCH SCHOOL TIME!

Once again, we are going on an adventure in Church School! We are going on a 'quest' to learn about the bible—the stories, the people, the lessons. With the help of **Bible Quest**, each class will focus on key biblical stories, helping all learners to get a historical and chronological sense of our religious history. Each week, all students learn the same story, using musical, artistic, linguistic, kinesthetic, individual and group approaches to reach multiple learning styles.

We will begin Church School in the sanctuary at **9:30am each Sunday morning**, starting September 9th, as a large group. This opening is a time of prayer, singing, collecting offering, celebrating birthdays and visitors and hearing the main idea for the week's lesson. The students will then be dismissed to their classes.

Church School—I t's not just for the little kids! Come on Sunday mornings @ 9:30.

Jr. High—you'll meet in the Junior High Youth Room (back corner of fellowship hall) with your teachers and explore a new topic each week, plus some great activities.

Sr. High Forum—you're in the Senior High Youth Room. Pastor Tony will be leading this discussion time.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thanks to all who volunteered to be church school teachers! **We still need teachers for the 3rd and 5th grades—call Cynthia if you are interested.**



Opening Doors Building Peace Praising God

We have much to celebrate! As of the printing of this newsletter we are at 144 pledges for a total of \$459,000 toward our goal of \$500,000.

As you know, the council decided to postpone the start of construction until April 1, 2008, allowing more time to get to that goal and also to use the current sanctuary during the busiest seasons of the year.

Many people have been asking when to start making their contributions. The time is now! We started Phase II of our Capital Campaign on July 1. Thanks for all the support!

Justin Olson and Lisa Pomroy, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

Stewardship Drive 2008

Justin Olson, John Pegg and Dick Goese have agreed to be on our upcoming Stewardship Team for 2008. If you would like to be part of the team that works on planning for this important piece of our life together, let Justin or Pastor Kathy know. We plan to have Stewardship dinners again, as it is a great way for us to come together as a growing community. At least one of the dinners will be on a Sunday after church.

The History Committee needs someone who can read German script. Many early entries in our history are hand written in old German script. Call Trudy 529-5790.



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY
Check it out!

Library Work Day Friday September 21

All are welcome to come anytime between 10am and 2pm to help us get more books on the shelf. Thanks to many of you, we have had lots of books donated, but it takes time and effort to accession them, put the cards and pockets in, and cover them before we can put them in circulation. The more help, the more books we can get on the shelves!

New books: *Life in the Iron Mills and other stories* by Rebecca Davis; *Green Grass, Running Water* by Thomas King, *The Seat of the Soul* by Gary Zukav, and *Parnassus on Wheels* by Christopher Morley.



"Biff and Borg"

Peace Readers Group Returns

Thursday September 13, 6:30-8pm
Fireside Room

Our first book will be *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* by Marcus J. Borg, on **September 13**.

Marcus Borg takes a serious look at how political and religious powers become entangled and how the message of Jesus was truly subversive to that power entanglement. Borg also pushes the reader to understand how Jesus' ministry of itinerant preaching in the rural setting led to his final days in the holy city of Jerusalem. This book returns relevancy to the gospels! (We will have a few copies at the office, contact Janell or Nancy for more information).

The second book will be *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore, on **October 11** [Note: Adult themes] These are available at Northern Lights Bookstore in Canal Park.

“God is Still Speaking” This has been the theme for the United Church of Christ in this our 50th anniversary year as a denomination. The idea for this theme came from a letter that was written by Gracie Allen to her husband George Burns. George and Gracie were one of the great comedy teams during the golden age of vaudeville. Always adaptable, they were able to make the transition to radio and television. Gracie was really the brains behind their great success. When Gracie died, George was devastated, not sure he could continue on. One day, in the midst of despair, he came across a pile of papers Gracie had left for him. On top was a note, “Dear George, never put a period where God has placed a comma. Love, Gracie” In just 10 words, Gracie left behind a legacy of hope.

We too are called to be people of hope, people of the comma. We are a people who dare to believe that God is still speaking. There is more yet to be revealed. We give witness to the still speaking God as we work to complete our Opening Doors, Building Peace and Praising God capital campaign. We continue to build on the legacy of those who have gone before and move forward to create room in our sanctuary for all those who are seeking the love of our welcoming God. We are so close with nearly \$460,000 raised toward the \$500,000 needed to move ahead. Our worship of God is so central to all we do. I missed being with you on Sundays this summer while I was away on sabbatical.

But this summer was so healing. It was my comma. As Margaret Borrelli wrote, in these excerpts from her poem, *Breathe*:

My mother was a grammarian . . .
 Under her watchful eye I learned
 That a sentence can only run on
 with no direction
 When one doesn't take the time to breathe
 The comma is where one takes a breath . . .
 A comma creates a space
 So small it can't be measured
 So large it can contain God



Thank you for allowing me the time away to breathe in God's spirit, as I sang in the Iona Cathedral 3 times a day during community worship, as I painted with watercolors along Lake Superior's North Shore, as I traveled with my family and noticed that my 14 year old daughter wanted to hold my hand as we hiked, as I canoed in the BWCA and sat on a rock and gazed at the stars. It was a wonderful summer and I am so grateful to you and the Lily Foundation. I look forward to sharing more with you during Adult Forum on September 23rd and at coffee time on September 30th.

I pray your summer gave you time to breathe. I look forward to being with you all again soon.

Peace friends, Pastor Kathy

~ A huge Thank You to Pastor John Clark Pegg
 for taking such good care of our congregation during my sabbatical! ~



Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders!

Every Wednesday - 7-8:30pm
 (Fall kick-off — September 12th)
 In the Senior High Youth Room

Welcome Back from Summer!


We've got a great group of leaders who are excited to spend time with you this summer. Here's some info about the year:

*Youth Group is a time for fun, sharing,
 music, Bible activities, playing,
 exploring, and ping pong!*



*Youth Group is for both Jr. and Sr. High
 (6-12th grades) We will often split into
 Jr. and Sr. high.*

Here's a sampling of some of the stuff
 we'll be doing this year:

- ➔ Movie Nights
- ➔ Lock-in 
- ➔ Writing a new song for the youth group with Steve Horner
- ➔ Playing games (Giants/Wizards/Elves, Cotton Ball Olympics, UpJenkins, Zip/Bong.....)

Service Sunday — CROP WALK

Sept 30th 1:30pm.

Join the Confirmation Class and the Youth Group in helping raise money to fight hunger. Sign up in the office to be a walker. All you have to do is find folks who will pledge and wear some walking shoes. Call Doug Bowen-Bailey for more information!

RECYCLING PEACE — Looking for a car seat and a portable crib (pack and play) to borrow the end of September for visiting relatives. Call Melissa at 728-0419.

Junior High
 (6, 7, 8 grades)

Faith Weaver Crew: If you are a **6-8th grader**, you are in the crew that will become Faith Weaver Specialists this year. If you have interest in being a leader with the younger kids in the congregation during this VERY FUN time on Wednesday nights, contact Cynthia.

Church School

Church School—is not just for the little kids! Come on Sunday mornings @ 9:30.

Jr. High—you'll meet in the Jr. High Youth Room (back corner of fellowship hall) with your teachers and explore a new topic each week, plus some great activities.

Sr. High Forum—you're in the Sr. High Youth Room. Pastor Tony will be leading this discussion time. Starting September 16.

Seeking Parent/Volunteers

To spend time with our
AWESOME YOUTH GROUP!

Duties: chaperone, taxi driver, mentor, EMT, or comic relief!

Attend one or two youth group meetings during the year.

Wednesdays 7-8:30

There will be other adult advisors in charge, but we need more adult presence with a youth group this size (there are regularly 20-25 youth who show up!!) Please sign up on kiosk in narthex.



ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Special PALS Golf Outing

Sunday September 9

Come golf with your PALS! The PALS adult fellowship group is sponsoring a just-for-fun golf outing on Sunday September 9 at Enger Park Golf Course. Tee times begin at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$13 to walk nine holes or \$21 to ride per person. Contact Lynn Devlin by Sept. 1 (ldevlin@slhduluth.com or 728-2592.)

PALS Hike Oberg Mt.

Saturday September 29

This will take the place of our usual "last Thursday of the month" meeting. For more info or to sign up, call Pat Sjoding at 525-0146 or psjoding@msn.com

All adults are welcome to attend PALS activities on the last Thursday of the month (usually!). Our primary route of communication is via email. If you wish to be on the mailing list, contact Dick or Linda Goese at 525-3412 or goese@chartermi.net

Group for Singles

Friday September 7, Sunday September 16

Watch the bulletin and emails for more info . . .

Taize Worship Service—Sept.2

1st Sunday of the month, 7pm at First Lutheran Contemplative Worship, followed by coffee with Pastor Tony (call him for more info).

Sunday School Teacher training

September 4th from 6-7:30pm

Music Room

Child-care provided

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday September 26



Noon at the Benedictine Health Center
Third Floor Lounge
Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.

Questions on the Way



Every Monday at 12 noon

Bring a lunch, bring a quote,
bring your questions, bring your stories!

Movie Night — September 28

7pm in the Fireside Room

Movie to be announced

We will be having a movie night the last Friday of each month. If you have a movie you'd like us to watch together, contact Pastor Tony.

September Acolyte Schedule

9-16 Andrea Brown, Wyatt Carlson
9-23 Sylvie Deters, Abby Etterson
9-30 Sophie Finch-Newkirk,
Andrew Green



Peace Bubble

Saturday September 15, 5-7pm

The peace Bubble is coming to Duluth! Songs of peace and lots of bubbles. Jerry Leggett has been traveling across the US singing and entertaining using songs of peace to unite. Saturday September 15, 5-7 pm at Pilgrim UCC, 4th St and 24th Ave. E. in the parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we'll be in the fellowship hall. We will serve hot dogs in buns, potato chips, and root beer floats. Free, donations accepted. For more info, go to <http://www.peacebubble.org/>

MORE WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 19th come and read together an upcoming text from Luke (Luke 16: 19 – 31). We will be using the bible study method from South Africa – Lecto Divina. Each participant has unique insights to offer the group from their hearing of the Gospel story. This lesson is the story of Lazarus outside our gates.

Thinking about the UCC?

Wednesday Evening Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room

Great for folks considering membership in Peace United Church of Christ or who just want to learn more about our faith and history.

September 26th – The Theology of the United Church of Christ . . . Who is this Still Speaking God? How are we listening? A chance to explore your spiritual gifts for use in Christ's church.

October 3rd – History of the United Church of Christ, Peace UCC and a tour of our building.

We will welcome new members into our congregation on Sunday, October 14th during the worship services. Plan on attending these classes if you would like to join at that time.

NOTE to PARENTS AND YOUTH

There are no programs or supervision for Jr/Sr High youth from 6 – 7 on Wednesday nights. This time should be spent volunteering with Faith Weavers or doing homework quietly in the youth rooms. If your son/daughter is in the building at this time, please encourage them to do one of these activities or arrive at church for Youth Group at 7 – 8:30 pm. If you have any comments or questions please contact Cynthia or Tony.

First Year Confirmation Class

All 9th and 10th graders

are welcome to participate!

The class will meet on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will begin with a youth worship service at 7:00 in the youth room and then move to the fireside room for class. Dinner is served every Wednesday at 5:30 and youth can stay to do homework or help with Faith Weavers from 6 - 7 pm.

Wednesday, September 12 — First class with parents and Pastor Kathy

Wednesday, September 26th
What is the Bible?

Sunday, September 30 — participate in the Crop Walk to raise money for Church World Service. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and head to First Lutheran Church. The Walk will take place on the Lake Walk.

Wednesday, October 10 Foundations in Living — Creation Stories

Children's Choir

Beginning Sept 12th

5 – 5:30pm in the Music Room

Are you ready for another fun year of Children's Choir? Drumming, singing, instruments, learning musical notation, and playing games are all in the mix for this year. Cynthia Coffin is back again and wants as many voices as possible. Pre-school through 5th grade. We sing the second Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service.

Marcelle Beerhalter lives in Eden Prairie now, but still enjoys phone calls from old friends. Her phone number is 952-995-1200.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — start September 12th!

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
 6pm: Adult Study, Inquirers Class (Sept. 26 & Oct. 3) Fireside Room
 6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
 7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation I—2nd & 4th Weds.)
 Boards and Committees meet on September 12th at 6 pm

**WELCOME
BACK!**

FAITH WEAVERS

KINDERGARTEN—3RD GRADE
 WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

Faith Weavers is an hour of programming on Wednesdays, which focuses on Bible stories through song, crafts, games, creative snack making, drama, journal time, and service. All kindergarten through 3rd grade kids are welcome to join us any time.

Registration Form Fill out below to sign your children up for this fall's Faith Weavers/Peaceful Puppets Program. A \$15-\$20 (per year per kid) donation is requested to help cover the cost of supplies for Faith Weavers and Puppets. ↓

PEACEFUL PUPPETS

4TH-5TH GRADE — WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

Peaceful Puppets is a newly created program here at Peace! The purpose of the puppet theater is to engage 4th and 5th graders in a unique activity using performances in ministry. Kids will create puppets and backdrops, use bible stories and topics, and perform shows when they are ready. Cindy McLean, assisted by Holly Bowen-Bailey, will lead this new exciting group every Weds. in the Mindanao classroom downstairs. All 4th and 5th graders are invited!



Important Parent Information

In order to ensure a safe and effective program, we need 1 adult helpers at each FaithWeaver and Puppet session. If your child is enrolled, we will ask you to volunteer to help out on a rotational basis throughout the year. The more parents who are willing to help, the fewer times every one will be assigned. Anyone willing to lead a special activity the second Wednesday of the month, please contact Cynthia.

FAITH WEAVERS/PEACEFUL PUPPETS REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Known Allergies (Including food) _____

Special Needs _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

Adult Helpers—are you willing to help lead/co-teach Faith Weavers on a rotational basis?
 Check here if interested. _____

MORE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Reading, Writing, Reflection Group

September 6 & 20 —7-8:30pm

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7-8:30 pm in the fireside room. We read an essay or short story, write for 10-15 minutes and share our writings. The conversations have been deep and meaningful, discussing how the writings touch our faith. Join us! (Paper and Pens provided, but you can certainly feel free to bring your own if you are a journaler!)

Peace Partners

September 11 at 5:15 pm

Meets every 2nd Tuesday

Peace Partners is a small group that focuses on one-on-one ministry toward others in our church family. Peace partners are learning to listen to others and be a spiritual friend through difficult times. If you would like a spiritual friend, or if you are going through transition, contact Pastor Tony.

VOLUNTEERS—TO WORK WITH OUR AMAZING PEACE KIDS!

Volunteers wanted!! Peace Church is growing...we have over **220 young people** 3 years old through 12th grade. There are so many places to volunteer: music, Sunday School, nursery, youth group, FaithWeavers, 4/5th grade puppet ministry, art activities, guest speakers, etc... We need you! Everyone is busy, but if we all help a little, we can make Peace Church a place kids want to be. Call Cynthia to explore the many ways to get involved.



BABY PICTURE!

Calling all Peace Church babies born since last September **we want your baby face!**

A photo of our Peace Babies will be done in the Sanctuary on **Sunday September 9 at 11:30**. We hope you and your baby can join us!

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Peace Church Choir will practice Wednesdays beginning at 6:15. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and then go to the Sanctuary for rehearsal. Practice will begin on **Wednesday, September 5th. (First Weds. meal 9/12)** Jim Pospisil is our music director.

Advent is Coming!

On August 15th, the Christian Education Board met for a working day. One of the major discussion points was the Advent Workshop. We would like to encourage all Peace Church Committees and Boards to begin thinking about the projects they do in December. Because of Christmas, it is natural for us to give of ourselves during the month. Many of these gifts of time and talent are given to our community. This truly reflects who we are as Peace Church—a giving church united with our community.

We will be scheduling an expanded Advent workday, with a new name (as yet to be determined) and a new focus (on intergenerational projects for service). Begin thinking about how your committee or board is involved in the Christmas spirit. If you give away goods or services, perhaps the effort to create these items can be done as a church family, on a Sunday after worship. Together we can bake pies for Loaves and Fishes, decorate cookies for shut-ins, decorate the sanctuary, and create crafts for our own homes.

MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Mary Nienaber*

The Council met tonight for what was a delightfully simple and uneventful meeting. There continues to be much activity this summer, particularly for the youth with Tony and Cynthia at the helm, and operations are smooth with our able staff and assistance of John Pegg, serving as interim pastor in Pastor Kathy's absence. Tony has been very active with youth and small group activities this summer, so much so that he literally flew in to the Council meeting fresh off the road from the youth canoe trip, still wet from the days' rainy hike and carrying his written pastor's report. Amazing. We are so blessed!

We are still behind in our pledges, as is expected this time of year, but are now flush with the planned addition of the internal Haller money to the budget. We are anticipating being able to catch up again in the fall, but please consider whether you could help by catching up with your contributions that may have fallen behind with summer absences.

We have gained ground on the Phase 2 Building Campaign pledges with 144 giving units pledging \$459,000. Congratulations on our efforts! We are getting close and the Campaign Committee will continue the efforts more pointedly when we're all back in our fall schedules.

I encourage you to take a look at the information presented by the Just Peace Committee on our upcoming joint-sponsorship of another series of the Antiracism Study Dialogue Circles starting up again this fall. For those that have been involved it has been an incredible experience and an opportunity to get to know other's in our community that we may not otherwise come to know. Please consider participation in this important work and learn how to become an effective facilitator in our journey toward change.

We have started planning for Pastor Kathy's return and first service on Rally Sunday, September 9th. We've missed her presence, energy and spirit so much, but know that this time has been precious to Kathy and her family and has provided renewal and professional development that she so dearly needs to continue her work with Peace and our community of faith. It will be a grand day that we're looking forward to celebrating together!

~ Mary Nienaber, Moderator

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GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and eleven congregations. Our collective goal is to support people living in poverty and to strive for social and economic justice throughout Duluth. Here's an update...

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Gabriel Project Ice Cream Social! It was a fun day celebrating the work of the Gabriel Project and the social justice work of the Sisters of St. Scholastica! Thank you again for all your support!

The Grant Reading Partner Program is looking for 60 volunteers who can commit to a half hour each week to read with a Grant Magnet School student for the academic year. If you are interested in being a reader or would like more information, please contact Veronica at the number below.

CHUM's RUAH (Rehabilitating Urban Affordable Housing) Project will be moving in their first families by the end of the month and they are still in need of several items in **gently used condition**: 5 beds, 8 dressers, 2 full size stoves, and a lawn mower in good working condition. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Veronica at 310-0063. Also, if you are willing to help with the delivery of these items, that would be great. If you don't have transportation to deliver it, please call and we can see if we can pick it up. Thank you!

Thanks for all you support!! If you have any questions, please call us: Ben, Kim, Steve, or Veronica at 625.1739

UPCOMING:

Gabriel Project & Neighborhoods That Work
Showcase and Assembly

Sat. Oct 6, 9:30-12, 1st UMC (Copper Top)

A report and reflection on the 5 neighborhoods involved (East Hillside, Central Hillside, Morgan Park, West Duluth, Lincoln Park) and how this kind of organizing has worked in the past in Chicago.

JUST PEACE

REPORT FROM JUST PEACE PICNIC

Those who attended the Just Peace Picnic have given us the focus and the fuel to establish a plan for the coming year. Many views were expressed from the 20 members in attendance. We started the meeting by asking everyone, 'what social justice issues do you really care about?' We came up with an extensive list of issues with a lot of common themes. War/violence, racism, poverty, healthcare, the environment, higher education, and taking down walls and personal barriers were among the many issues discussed.

Following that discussion we asked for feedback from last years 'Prophetic Justice Series', and how we could be more effective with the series. Many felt that they were good to have, but they didn't know what tied each worship together.

From our conversation we gained many goals. Clarifying the mission of the Just Peace Committee will be our main goal. We will be working to help you understand what we do, and to better publicize our events and activities throughout church and the community. Many of the ideas that were generated from this meeting will soon be organized and discussed at the next Just Peace meeting during Boards and Committees night on Sept 12th. Come to the meeting, and hear where we are heading...

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Are you interested in supporting a farmer's cooperative and having healthy eats for your family?

Delivered to Peace Church twice a month
Order on-line

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HISTORICAL NOTES—25 YEARS AGO AT PEACE

In honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the UCC, our Heritage Committee is writing articles about our history. This month's article—Items from Peace Bells of **25 years ago (1982)**:

January: NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DECEMBER 13 **Tom and Marsha Hystead**, 1748 Carver Ave. Tom, transferring from the United Church of Christ, New Ulm, MN, is an insurance representative for American Hardware Mutual. Marsha is an art director with Klatzky and Associates.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to **Darleen (nee Cran) and Todd Schroedel** who were married at Peace Church December 18. They are both attending Mankato State University.

February: SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES: Our Sunday School kids are completing a unit on the parables. To make "The Good Samaritan" more meaningful, one Sunday a destitute young man (played by **Bob Kirtley**) visited the learning centers and told his story. He was so convincing that he received several offers of money. We then met together to discuss ways of helping such an individual.

February: NEWSY 'N BRIEF — Vandals broke into Peace Church through a Basement window overnight Jan, 28 and stole our PA amplifier as well as a TV and typewriter from the day care center. Insurance will cover some of the loss. A temporary amplifier, built by **Joe Walker** from parts in his basement, and installed by **Joe and Dick Eschbach**, is serving till we can get a new one.

February: No more church cancellations—ever, says **Pastor Greg**. Despite a cancellation announcement, 35 persons braved heavy snow and a 70-degree-below-zero wind chill to attend the Sunday service, Jan.24. Buoyed by coffee and some excellent bars allegedly baked by **Dr. Alan Peterson**, the group met in the Fireside Room for worship.

March: Our best wishes and congratulations go to **Sue von Lehe and Fred Wintermantle**, married Feb. 20.

June: NEW MEMBERS: **Gerald Cleveland**, 5205 London Road. Jerry is a Special Needs teacher at Duluth Area Vocational Technical Institute.

June: WEDDINGS — June 12 was the date for two recent weddings at Peace Church. At 1 p.m. **Kathryn Jensen Williams and Rick Jackson** were married. **Ginny Paulson and Kelvin Maki** said their vows at 5. Best wishes to both couples.

June: INVITATION **Cole and Delores Thompson** extend an invitation to the congregation to attend the wedding of their daughter, **Michelle, to David Lovass** July 3, at 4 p.m. At Peace Church

June: "CHILD OF THE NUCLEAR AGE" — **Susan Stark**, daughter of Leonard (a former pastor) and Betty, has had a recording with that title released recently. Susan has traveled extensively with her message of peace in song. In August she and her husband, Tor, will go to Kenya for a world meeting of Quakers. Then she'll be singing in South Africa and on to Australia and New Zealand where Tor will be studying.

September: CIRCLES — Lydia Circle will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept 20 in the Fireside Room. Members will bring a sack lunch. **Peggy Maske** will lead a devotion on "Hands."

Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. at the summer home of **Shirley Swenson**.

Remember
When?
Peace Church
25 Years Ago

HISTORY (cont.)

25 YEARS AGO (continued)

November: NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S GOAL: TO COMMUNICATE

GOD'S LOVE AND TRUST

Robert C Stevens, religious life coordinator for Woodland Hills Residential Treatment Center and a former Lutheran pastor, has begun work as Peace Church's Christian Education Director.

November:
TO MY PEACE CHURCH FAMILY

Words cannot express my gratitude for the inspirational, humbling worship service and festive party given for me on my retirement as Director of Christian Education. I've enjoyed the work and the children immensely and feel happy I can still be with my "family" in other capacities. A sincere "Thank you" to all who sent gifts and congratulations, Peace Church members and others. I'm going to enjoy some easy listening.
Trudy (Schwerdt)

November:
LEAVING FOR BOTSWANA
Alice Davidson, expects to leave in November for a 2-year Peace Corps stint.

December:
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Darlene Kohlts, 4326 Tioga St., have three children—Brandon, Tracy and Sherry. Bill is an accountant at Minnesota Power, and Darlene does child care for two churches during evening meetings.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Maxine Proetz	20	Eli Beech Brown
	Aidan Erickson	21	Naomi Christensen
4	Eponine Schomberg		Stacy Sudoh
5	John Greene	22	Emily Punyko
	Lauretta Shrake		Peter Provost
	Siri Larsen		Grant Provost
7	Jennifer Zoretich		Mattie Fox
8	Sharon Geisert	23	Lisa Messerer
9	Cameron Mitchell		John Fox
10	Mason Branstrator	24	Sergei Hanka
12	Emily White		Beth Kinney
13	John Jordan	25	Stella Molina
	Rod Schelin		Dean Fox
	Tom Liddle	26	Nancy Nelson (New Hope)
14	Anne Beauchamp		Ingrid Nisswandt
	Emily Larson		Isabelle Schomberg
	Beth Ruark		Anne Simpson
	Kate Skwira-Brown		Joseph Mulozzi
16	Jerry Cleveland	27	Charlie Bray
	Bonita Schelin	28	Andy Fena
17	Hans Arvidson-Hicks	30	Chris Bode
17	Mac Tobin		Sawyer Graff
19	Todd Kneebone		
	Oscar Lundell		HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 18** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

All boards and committees will meet on **Wednesday, September 12th**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. This is a very important meeting as we look at calendars and plan for the year together. At 6 pm there will be Faith Weavers for our kids and nursery for those 3 and under.